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CENTRE SAYS OPPN PARTIES SUPPORT MOTION TO IMPEACH JUSTICE VARMA

Union minister Kiren Rijiju said opposition parties have given their in-principle approval to support the motion in the upcoming monsoon session

SIGNATURES TO BE COLLECTED SOON: RIJIJU

It is still not clear whether the motion would be brought in the Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha. For Lok Sabha, signatures of a minimum 100 MPs is required. For the Rajya Sabha, the support of at least 50 MPs is required. Rijiju said the process of collecting signatures could begin as soon as the government decides on the House where the motion will be brought

GOVT WANTS ALL OPPN PARTIES ON BOARD

- Once a motion to remove a judge is admitted in a House, the Speaker or Chairman will constitute a three-member committee to investigate the grounds on which the removal has been sought
- Rijiju said since the matter involves corruption in the judiciary, the government wants all political parties to be on board | **P9**

JULY 21

COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR MONSOON SESSION. IT WILL END ON AUGUST 21

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SNUB TO CHINA

Established institution to decide Dalai heir: Rijiju

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

IN a snub to China, Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday said the decision on the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama would be taken by the established institution.

"All those who follow the Dalai Lama feel that the Incarnation is to be decided by the established convention and as per the wish of the Dalai Lama himself. Nobody else has the right to decide it except him and the conventions in place," said the minister, himself a practising Buddhist.

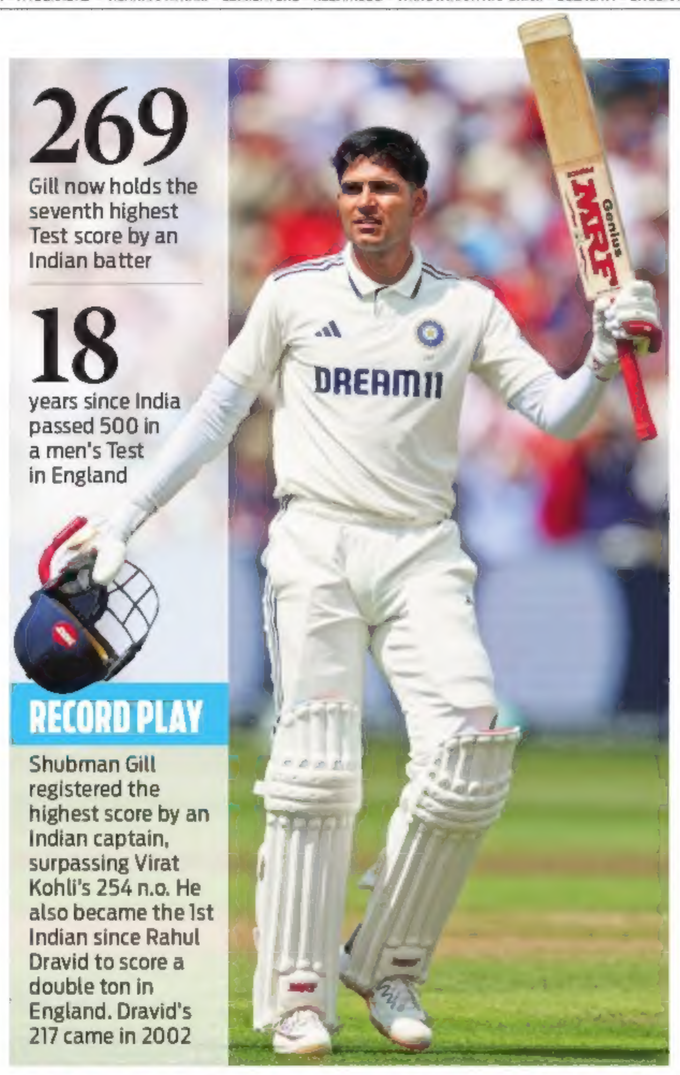
The remarks came after China rejected the 14th Dalai Lama's succession plan, claiming it's for Beijing to decide.

Kiren Rijiju

Rijiju and Union minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh will represent the Government of India on the 14th Dalai Lama's 90th birthday event in Dharamshala on Sunday.

On Wednesday, the Dalai Lama reaffirmed that only the Gaden Phodrang Trust—the non-profit organisation he set up to maintain the tradition and institution of the Dalai Lama—has the authority to recognise his future reincarnation. The Dalai Lama said: "Line will continue after me; no other authority can interfere."

Reacting to this, the Chinese foreign ministry said any such plan must have the approval of the Chinese government.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Gill now holds the seventh highest Test score by an Indian batter
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years since India passed 500 in a men's Test in England
RECORD PLAY
Shubman Gill registered the highest score by an Indian captain, surpassing Virat Kohli's 254 n.o. He also became the 1st Indian since Rahul Dravid to score a double ton in England. Dravid's 217 came in 2002
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India captain Shubman Gill celebrates his first double century on day two of the second Test against England at Edgbaston. Gill's 269, along with Ravindra Jadeja's 89, helped India post 587 in the first innings | AP | **MORE ON P15**

Def projects worth ₹1.05 lakh crore get panel's green light

Indigenous sourcing for 10 proposals: Ministry

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on Thursday granted Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for 10 capital acquisition proposals worth about ₹1.05 lakh crore in all, to strengthen the offensive and defensive abilities of the armed forces.

The council's meeting, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved projects that will be sourced indigenously. The DAC is the highest decision-making body on defence policy and capital procurement. Its AoN is the first step in the acquisition process.

AoNs were accorded for procurement of armoured recovery vehicles, Electronic Warfare System, Integrated Common Inventory Management System for the Tri-Services and surface-to-Air missiles. These procurements will provide higher mobility, effective air defence, improve supply chain management and augment the operational preparedness, the defence ministry said.

AoNs were also accorded for procurement of moored mines, mine counter measure vessels, super rapid gun mount and submersible autonomous vessels. They are aimed at mitigating potential risks to naval and merchant vessels.

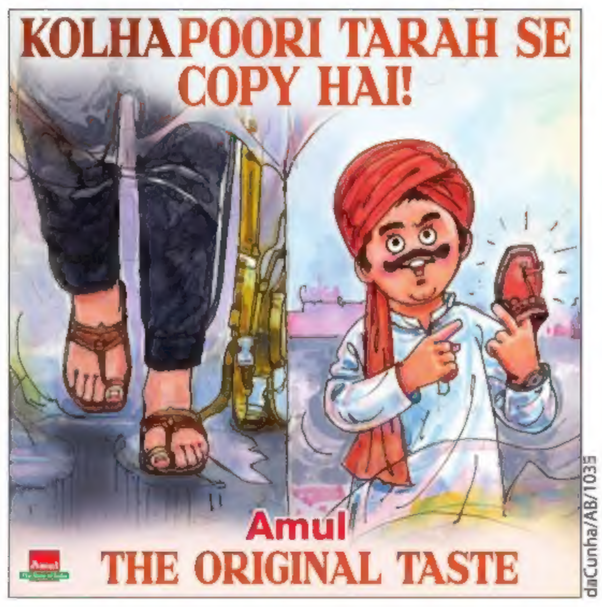
To provide further impetus to indigenous design and development, AoNs were accorded under the Buy Indian-IDDM (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) category.

Govt must also focus on R&D on emerging threats such as the black swan event of Hamas attack on 7 Oct 2023

Maj Gen Sudhakar Jee (retd)

The MoD defines Buy (Indian-IDDM) category as the "procurement of products from an Indian vendor that have been indigenously designed, developed and manufactured with a minimum of 50% Indigenous Content (IC) on cost basis of the total contract value."

The Armoured Recovery Vehicles help in recovery of armoured vehicles, including the main battle tanks, in difficult terrain and challenging weather conditions. They assist with recovery and repair during combat conditions.



BBMP staffer attacks resident during SC survey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A house owner in Sarvabhoumanagar, Chikkalasandra, was assaulted after questioning the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) staff who were pasting stickers related to the scheduled castes survey without prior consultation with residents.

Municipal staff are required to notify homeowners before conducting surveys or affixing such stickers. However, in this instance, BBMP personnel carried out the task without informing homeowner Nandish, who confronted them. This led to a altercation where the staff slapped and kicked Nandish. The incident was captured by nearby CCTV cameras. The footage went viral on social media, prompting the BBMP to suspend Health Inspector Suresh pending an inquiry. **P2**

The mysterious case of the missing PHC doctor

PRAJNA GR @Madikeri

AN apple a day keeps the doctor away. Apple does not grow in Surlabbi, the tiny Kodagu hamlet, but the villagers wonder what has kept the doctor away from their Primary Health Centre for long.

On most days it is a Group D worker who doubles up as nurse and doctor at the PHC which caters to the healthcare needs of five villages—Surlabbi, Hammiyala, Garvale, Mutlu, Kumbaragadige and Mankya.

The PHC has a doctor on its roster but very few have seen the healer. The health centre is equipped with relatively good infrastructure but it stays locked most of the time.

"A permanent doctor has been posted to the PHC. It is an interior place and there are not many patients. We have asked the doctor to report at the PHC at least three times in a week," said Dr Satish Kumar, District Health Officer.

The villagers are, however, unaware of the doctor's posting as the doctor does not turn up when they queue up at the PHC.

"A Group D worker opens and shuts the PHC. When she is on leave, the centre stays locked. The worker hands over medicines for minor health issues. In case of a major health issue, we have to make arrangements to reach Madapura, which is more than 15-km away," said Mani, a resident of Mutlu.

When *TNIE* visited the PHC, it was locked as the Group D worker had gone on some 'personal errands'. The doctor was, however, not available for comment. The DHO said he would look into the mysterious case of the missing doctor.

Villagers in the lurch

While funds have been sanctioned for development of the PHC, its functioning is not being monitored, leaving the villagers in a dire situation

The worker hands over medicines for minor health issues. In case of a major health issue, we have to go to Madapura, over 15-km away

Mani, Mutlu resident

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EXPRESS READ

FIR against Ravikumar over remark against CS

Bengaluru: The Vidhana Soudha police on Thursday registered an FIR against BJP MLC N Ravikumar, over his offensive remark against Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh. The Karnataka State Commission for Women has also taken up a suo motu case against Ravikumar |**P4**

Baramani back to work, resignation up to govt

Dharwad: Additional SP Narayan Baramani, who had submitted his resignation, resumed duty on Thursday, after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah spoke to him. He has, however, left the final decision to the government | **P4**

U.S. CONG PASSES TRUMP'S SPENDING BILL

The House on Thursday narrowly passed Donald Trump's flagship tax and spending bill, which he calls the "big, beautiful bill", 218 to 214, marking the first major legislative victory of his second presidential term | **P12**

Rahul cites *TNIE*, says farmers ignored

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

CITING a report published in these columns on the number of farmer suicides in Maharashtra, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday hit out at the Centre for remaining indifferent to the plight of farmers.

On Wednesday, this newspaper reported that as many as 767 farmers died by suicide in Maharashtra between January and March 2025. The disclosure was made by Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Makrand Patil in the assembly in a written reply to a question by the opposition Congress on the rising number of farm suicides, particularly in Vidarbha, and the rehabilitation measures.

Rahul accused the government of ignoring farmers' demands for a loan waiver and a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP) for crops.

Sharing a screenshot of the *TNIE* report, he wrote, "Think about it... in just 3 months, 767 farmers committed suicide in Maharashtra. Is this just a statistic? No. These are 767 destroyed homes. 767 families that will never be able to recover. And the government? It is silent. It is watching indifferently..." Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi joined Rahul in attacking the government over the report.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi

Whopping 767 Maha farmer suicides recorded in 3 months

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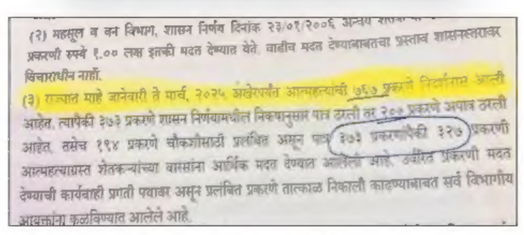

Written response by minister Makrand Patil to a question on Tuesday reveals **767 suicides in Maharashtra in the first three months of 2025**. State agriculture minister Manikrao Kokate on Thursday claimed he had no idea where the data was sourced from